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MEDIA ADVISORY

Who: USC Equestrian Team

Hugh Weathers, Commissioner of Agriculture

Boo Major Duncan, USC Equestrian Team Coach

Val Sheley, Senior Associate Athletic Director & Senior Women's Administrator

Charles Bierbauer, Dean of the College of Mass Communications/Information Studies

What: USC Equestrian Team Recognition Celebration, hosted by the SC Department of Agriculture, the SC Peach Council, and the SC Watermelon Board and Association

When: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 3 p.m.

Where: One Wood Farm (USC Gamecock Equestrian Arena)

1201 Syrup Mill Rd.

Blythewood, SC 29016

BLYTHEWOOD, SC – The SC Department of Agriculture, the SC Peach Council, and the SC Watermelon Board and Association will host a USC Equestrian Team Recognition Celebration at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at One Wood Farm, 1201 Syrup Mill Rd., Blythewood, SC.

Commissioner Weathers, the Department of Agriculture, and the members of the agriculture family want to recognize the team for their outstanding academic and athletic accomplishments with sliced Certified SC Grown watermelon, peaches, and peach ice cream. In addition, the team will showcase their equestrian expertise and their beautiful horses to those attending.

The USC equestrian team, coached by Boo Duncan, is one of the elite programs in the nation on and off the field with two overall national championships since 2005 and 18 members on the SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll.

The equine industry is a vital part of the state's agriculture industry. In addition to the millions of dollars generated by the equine industry, owners and animals improve our quality of life.

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